

## FROM BISHOP MARK

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

*I need to advise you that professional standards complaints have been received with respect to Father Gerard Ryan. In accord with Church policy and procedures an investigation into the complaints must now take place.*

*Until the investigations are complete Fr Gerard is unavailable for public ministry. Fr Ryan remains innocent of any allegations until the investigations are concluded and unless adverse findings are made.*

*If you have any concerns, you are welcome to contact the Diocesan Professional Standards officer, Mr Damian Reeves.*

Yours in JC and MI  
Mark Edwards OMI

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

In his [message](#) for the World day of Care for Creation and the Season of Creation, Pope Francis offers a profound reflection on respect for the earth, its resources, the evils caused by man's greed and the need for "restorative justice" such as debt cancellation for poor countries. He joins the ecumenical family to celebrate the Jubilee for the Earth, precisely in this year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day.

**This is the time to remember** that "We exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God's creatures within our common home"

**The time to return**, "We have broken the bonds of our relationship with the Creator, with our fellow human beings, and with the rest of creation. We need to heal the damaged relationships that are essential to supporting us and the entire fabric of life."

**Time to rest**, "Today we need to find just and sustainable ways of living that can give the Earth the rest it requires, ways that satisfy everyone with a sufficiency, without destroying the ecosystems that sustain us."

**A time to restore** the original harmony of creation and to heal strained human relationships.

**Time to rejoice**, Let us all rejoice that our loving Creator sustains our humble efforts to care for the earth, which is also God's home where his Word "became flesh and lived among us" (Jn 1:14) and which is constantly being renewed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Download the message: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200901\\_messaggio-giornata-creatio.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200901_messaggio-giornata-creatio.html)

## **PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

*Today, not tomorrow; today, we have to take care of Creation responsibly. Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner. No to plundering; yes to sharing.* (Pope Francis)



# Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal 5th/6th September, 2020

**Parish Sec:** Roxy Locke

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**Sunday Mass Times:**

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 10am

**Daily Mass Times:**

Monday - Friday: 5:45pm

Saturday: 9.30am

*Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.*

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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## WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Allan Davis, Barbara McDonnell, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard.

**ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:** Bob Barclay.

**SICK:** Theresa Gallucci, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Christopher Lee, Garry Brigham, Brianna Papworth, Eileen Gaynor.

If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

# TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

**FIRST READING:** A reading from prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, "Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: "Wicked wretch, you are to die", and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 94:1-2.6-9

***O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

***O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

***Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL** Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it

out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

### Special Agent of God

If we are special agents of God, then we serve as agents of grace for one another. I am, in a real sense, at your service, as you are at mine. Together, we invite the kingdom of God into our midst. It's not the sort of commission one can achieve alone.

Of all that we do together to promote God's reign, the hardest may be our gentle mutual connection. Unlike yourself, I'm sure, I dislike being told I am wrong. When I respond in anger and treat someone unfairly, I want to be justified, not reproved. But some of my friends love me enough to tell me when I'm way off base and need to examine my motives. Sometimes it's enough to hear it from one person. Sometimes, I need to hear it from every direction before I'm ready to change. I value this honesty in my life, because I can't always punch my own way out of ignorance. My friends know how dearly I want to hear yes in heaven, so they're willing to say to me in the here and now.

***Have you ever corrected someone you love when they're in error?***

***How do we respond to such correction?***

Spend a week mindful that you're God's special agent of grace for others. Wear a cross or display a Bible phrase on your desk to act as your badge of commission. Let love be the goal of your words and actions. (gpbs.com.au)

### FINANCE

***Last week 1st Collection \$ 538.80 2nd Collection \$508.70***

Direct debit to our PARISH BUILDING Account BSB 066 789 A/C No 6111068 showing your surname, this account attracts a 100% tax deduction.

Direct debit to account BSB 066 789 A/C No 100005658, which is our parish working account, attracts a 50% tax deduction using you surname reference as envelope givers. PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT, you can direct your donation to BSB 066 789 A/C No 100005657 also showing your surname as reference, no tax deduction.